Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee October 3, 2006 - 7 to 8:00 a.m. Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room

"Operationally Aware - Policy Focused"

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis

Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Ted Lambert, Gary Gudac, Sarah Benson, Gary Cornett, Greg Grayson, Don Babb, Tim Splain, Daryl

Fisher, Chris Young, Scott Burnette

Guest: Tim Flora – Police Citizens Advisory Board Chairperson

Approval of September Minutes

o The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

• Introduction of Lieutenant Chris Young

 Lieutenant Chris Young was introduced as the new head of the APD Drug Suppression Unit.

• Police Citizens Advisory Board Committee Meeting Findings

Tim Flora, Chairperson of the Police Citizens Advisory Board Committee, presented the findings of the community meetings held. Residents gave their concerns at the meetings. The top issues were identified and suggestions were made for the issues. The 14 page report is to be posted on the police department's web site. Council committee wants Mr. Flora to give presentation at a council work session. They also want him to look at the police complaint procedure. Council committee wishes to be notified of upcoming Police Citizens Advisory Board Committee meetings.

• Review of Current and Planned Crime Prevention & Interdiction Strategies in Public Housing

The Chief gave presentation. The public safety committee council is interested in what happens when you have smaller groups of low income citizens – from a social standpoint – and if you spread Section 8 housing out does it make it easier to manage. Housing residents have said the drug problem is significantly lower due to police efforts. Effective and timely prosecution would assist in further lowering the problems. The Asheville Fire Department will provide the percentage of their calls that are in public housing at the next meeting.

Walking tour of Communications Center

 The public safety committee council participated in a walking tour of the Communications Center.

• **Public Comment**

• There was no public comment.

• Meeting Adjournment

o The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

o Tuesday, November 7, Municipal Building – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.